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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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THE BACKSLIDDEN HEART

THE POSSIBILITY OF A backslidden heart is a sobering, almost frightening thought. A man's heart does not always agree with his actions and deeds. He may through habit or expediency compel himself to follow certain routines long after his heart has ceased to be in it.

The Scriptures repeatedly warn us of the possibility of backsliding in heart even though we may continue to give the Lord apparent service and worship. This was the meaning of Jesus when He said:

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men (Matthew 15:8, 9).

It is a tragic thing to see one who is backslidden in heart. The love and warmth of God is departed from the heart, even though the person may continue to perform perfunctory Christian duties. Ezekiel says: "With their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness" (Ezekiel 33:31).

In the course of Christian history there have been many persons who continue to talk glibly about the love of Christ even after their own hearts have gone down a blind alley after worldly affection or selfish gain. Expediency may compel them to continue an outward life of piety even when the heart is a dry and cracked cistern, without the water of the spirit, without the tenderness of love.

Not all backsliders participate flagrantly in the things of sin, or the affairs of the world. For one reason or another they find it advantageous to continue in apparent Christian service even though their hearts are far from Him. Speaking of those whose heart depart from the Lord, Jeremiah said:

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9).

The possibility of a backslidden heart should disturb us all. It is not enough that we go through the form of worship, our hearts must be the source of our worship and our divine energy. Our hearts not only should conform to our spiritual exercises, but should actually motivate our Christian living. Religious activity without a spiritual heart is like a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

We deceive ourselves when we suppose that our

adherence to ecclesiastical rules and laws is a guarantee of our spiritual well-being. It is possible for me to observe all restrictions and laws with severity and rigor, and still have a heart that is far from the Lord. If that is a hard thing to say, you must remember that the Scriptures repeatedly warn us of the possibility of worship that comes from the lips and not from the heart, of service that is performed by the body but not with the heart.

Have you ever thought what it would be like if the thoughts of your heart were audible? You may be able to force your lips to say what is convenient to be said, but you cannot force your heart to say what it does not believe. Let us look at a few of the things a backslidden heart will say.

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The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good (Psalm 14:1).

Notice that the fool says in his heart that there is no God. It would certainly be disadvantageous to say so with the lips, so they might have been saying that God is great and God is good.

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The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? (Obadiah 3).

The lips may utter pious words of self-abnegation when the heart is filled with pride and self. It is to our advantage to appear modest and humble before men, but what do our hearts say? Proverbs 14:14 warns us that the backslider in heart shall be filled with his own way.

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How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow (Revelation 18:7).

From a heart of pride the apostate church in the last days will regard herself still as a queen. Pride

LOVE

Without Dissimulation

By Mrs. Eulab Gray Adams

BARBOURSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

JESUS SAID, "This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you." Pure love from the heart is what is needed today among God's people. I believe if we love one another with a pure heart we would see greater miracles and greater manifestations of the power of God. God wants to work among His people, but if the love is not in the midst His work and moving is hindered.

When we love God as we ought to, then and only then will we be able to understand and love our brothers and sisters in Christ. We will be able to understand their behavior and have compassion for them instead of criticism.

It is not enough to pretend we

love someone, then talk about them in the background to our closest friends, discuss them, and then at church **put on charity**. This is a sham and can easily be recognized.

The Bible says, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (Colossians 3:12-14).

If we as God's people would seek Him to give us more of His love in our hearts, then we would not see love with dissimulation but love

coming from a pure heart automatically. Then we could sing the song, "It's in my heart, this melody of love divine, It's in my heart, for I am His and He is mine."

We as Christians are to love our enemies, to pray for them that despitefully use us and persecute us, bless them and curse not, recompense to no man evil for evil, and to let the peace of God rule in our hearts! How wonderful it would be to see this obeyed by Christians. How different our churches would be. Then we sometimes wonder why God's promises have not been fulfilled as He has spoken. I believe it is time for Christians to be honest with themselves and with God and quit blaming it all on the devil, although he is busy at all times. We are told that there are three persons that we have to recognize: God, self and the devil. "Self" plays a bigger part sometimes than we would like to admit. It is time to check and see where we have come short, and where we have failed to keep God's Word and His commandments. I don't mean **only** the ten, but all of the Word of God. Then and only then will we be able to enjoy God's presence and blessings. You won't see so many moaning and gloomy Christians. They will be doing what they should be doing and they will have happiness on the inside that will show on the outside.

Always keeping this in mind, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1).

of form, glory of the past, and contentment with self can and will drive any church from the power and the purity of Christian service.

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But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken (Luke 12: 45).

It has long been common practice in our churches to testify that we expect the Lord to return soon. But what do our hearts say about it? I know what you say with your lips, I can hear that; but what do you say in your heart? Like the evil servant, many among us say in their hearts that the Lord delayeth His coming. A man who longs in his heart for Christ's return and believes with his heart that Christ will return, will be sincere in his worship and fervent in his service. Belief in the heart that Christ is coming again will cause a man to live like Christ. He will

deal kindly with his fellow man; he will pay his just debts; he will quit wire-pulling for position and advantage; he will subordinate his selfish interest to the interest of Christ; he will be more concerned with spiritual prosperity than with physical comfort and material gain.

Men may watch our deeds, but God watches our hearts. Men may listen to the words of our lips, but God hears the words of our hearts. To be the true servants of Christ we must be upright in our deeds and truthful in our hearts.

"Lord," said the psalmist David, "who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" And then the answer came, "He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart" (Psalm 15:1, 2).

Charles W. Cowan

Hitching Your Star to a Wagon

By Hollis L. Green

An article on Vocational Guidance for Youth

(Continued from August 14 issue)

I. CHECK THE CONSTELLATIONS

Counting the stars is an unfinished task. On a clear night the unaided eye can see about 6,000 stars. A small telescope greatly multiplies the number. The largest instruments, aided by long photographic exposures, reveal some hundreds of millions of them.

It would be difficult to count all the vocational opportunities offered by our modern world. At a glance you see only a few, but current vocational guidance books list about 24,000. New positions are opening with every advancement of modern man. Many have no idea of the wide range of interesting occupations. You owe it to yourself to become acquainted with all prospects before making a serious selection of a vocational direction.

a panoramic view

The first step in search of a suitable vocational objective is to obtain a panoramic view of the field. This can be done by browsing through your school or public library. The librarian will guide you. After you have become acquainted with a number of vocations, you can focus your telescope on the particular ones that appeal to you, the careers that seem to fit best with your objectives, your talents, and abilities.

a cluster of stars

Each major vocational field is made up of a variety of jobs. Many types of people from professionals to unskilled workers are employed in each field. The workers are held together by a company, a contract or an objective—the production of a product for the public. You may not be able to select your actual star, but you can choose the cluster from which your future employment will come. You can decide on a vocational direction.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star; How I wonder what you are!

Why do stars twinkle? How far are they from the earth? What is their magnitude, age, size and color? All the principal stars visible to the naked eye have a name. Did you know that? Have you ever wondered about them?

Have you ever seen a banker, an engineer, a lawyer, a missionary or an accountant? Did you ever wonder what they were like? What kind of work they did? If so, you will enjoy the next paragraphs!

accounting

"A great, unfilled demand for good accountants exists today," was the recent statement of John L. Carey, executive director of the American Institute of Accountants. Would you like an occupation that

takes you behind the scenes of many business organizations? Do you enjoy working with figures? Have you good judgment—an analytical mind? Then you would find an interesting and stimulating career in accounting.

advertising

Do you like people and the exciting world of business? Are you sympathetic, observant, good at detail? Do you write easily, or have artistic talent? Can you concentrate and produce under pressure? Can you see adventure in selling things—soaps, hairpins or cars? If so, advertising may be a good career choice.

agriculture

A prominent agricultural expert says, "Few men today have as much freedom of thought and action as the farmer." Are you interested in this freedom? Do you like nature? Enjoy working outdoors? Do you have a green thumb? Like animals and working with heavy power equipment? Appreciate growing things? Would you mind milking a cow or fertilizing a garden? Could you enjoy "seed time" and "harvest"? Do you have patience, endurance and determination? Then you would make a good farmer.

To be continued

MEET OUR YOUTH



Mary Sue Cox
Somerset, Kentucky

Mary Sue is a P. K. (that means a preacher's kid). On January 2, 1944, she was born in Brooklyn, New York. She now lives in Somerset, Kentucky, where her father pastors the Cotter Avenue Church

of God. Her mother is a good musician and was recently presented lifetime membership in the Kentucky P.T.A.

After graduation from high school in 1962, Mary Sue plans to enroll at Lee College and prepare to work for God. In her local church she is the program director of the Y.P.E., a Sunday School teacher and sings on the church radio broadcast. Her hobby is playing the piano, and she sings in a girls' chorus in school. She is the District Sunday School and Youth Director on her district.

When asked what being a Christian meant, she responded, "To me, being a Christian is giving up the world and living a holy, clean and consecrated life." To be really happy, we must follow God's will for our lives. Mary Sue was saved when nine years old.

Favorite Scripture passage: Psalm 92.

A symposium on pertinent questions and problems of the Christian life. All the contributors have been selected as authorities on the question involved. Their answers represent their candid personal views and are intended to give light on various facets of the question.

Readers are invited to submit to the editor any question they think would be beneficial for such public printed discussion.

"WHAT, IN YOUR OPINION, HAVE BEEN THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT STEPS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD?"

IN OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE year the *Evangel* hopes to make its readership more conscious of its positive heritage. To assist in this, we have asked a panel of those well acquainted with the history of the Church, either by association or official position, to enumerate the things they deem most decisive in making the Church of God what it is today. They were not to write on the good steps, bad steps, popular steps, or progressive steps—but decisive steps, the things they feel have made us what we are.

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J. D. Bright

1. That the church accept the whole Bible rightly divided, and the New Testament as its rule for government and discipline.

This was one of the first and best decisions of the Church of God. This decision placed the Church solidly upon the Holy Bible as its foundation. The Bible was received as an indispensable *must* for every pulpit, classroom and home, to be "rightly divided" by every minister, teacher and individual; and to be adhered to whole-heartedly.

It has been necessary at times for the General Assembly of the Church to search the Scriptures and interpret the meaning of the Bible to arrive at what is the true and proper teaching of the Church on various subjects, but always with the intention to found our teachings strictly upon the Bible.

The Church of God has weathered the storms of opposition, persecution, poverty. It has gracefully withstood and triumphed over false doctrines and over disloyal ministers and members within, and false ministers and teachers without. God has kept the Church steady on its foundation because in her weakness as well as in her strength she has kept *His Word* and has not denied *His name*.

2. Fair and consistent procedures for dealing with erring ministers and members.

It is a regrettable fact that at times ministers, as well as members, become disloyal and unfaithful to God and the Church. In such cases, the Church is instructed to "withdraw" (2 Thess. 3:6) from them or to "loose" (Matt. 18:19) such a person. Let us notice the procedures of dealing with erring ministers:

"In case of an offending minister the state board, consisting of three ordained ministers, appointed by the state overseer where available (27th Assembly Minutes, 1932, p. 37), shall give him due notice of time and place where charges will be considered. The minister shall have a right to attend and be heard at that time. If the state board shall determine that the conduct of said minister warrants such action, his ministry shall at once be revoked" (24th Assembly Minutes, 1929, p. 23).

"If the defendant or complainant is dissatisfied with

the decision of the state board, he may appeal his case within ten days to the General Overseer, who, with his assistants and the General Secretary-Treasurer, may appoint a board to rehear the case, if in their judgment the case merits a new trial. The defendant may, with the consent of the state overseer, waive trial by the state board to a board appointed by the General Executive Committee, in which case there shall be no appeal" (1938 Minutes p. 50).

Now let us consider the procedure of dealing with erring members:

"Upon recommendation of the Twelve Councilors, the following has been found to be the proper procedure in dealing with members and ministers: If a member who is not a minister shall be guilty of any offense which makes it necessary to deal with the member, charges shall be made, and the erring member given not less than three days notice, where practical, of the time and place of which said charges shall be considered. The member shall have a right to be heard at the conference. The conference shall consist of all male members of the local church who wish to attend. However, where there are not any male members or where a sufficient number of active male members are not available in a local church to assist in conducting conference, the state or district overseer and two or more ministers whom he may select shall make full disposition of all matters that may demand attention. The conference shall make such order in reference to the charges as it shall find to be scriptural and proper. If the complainant or defendant is not satisfied with the decision of the conference, he or she shall have the right to appeal to the state overseer, who shall in turn take the matter up with the local church officials" (1936 Minutes p. 34); amended (1943 Minutes, p. 30).

"The state board, consisting of three ordained ministers appointed by the state overseer, when available, shall consider charges and make such decisions as said board may find scriptural and proper" (1948 Minutes p. 29).

I am sure the reader can easily see that it is the purpose of the Church of God to give every minister and member, under any complaint or charge the benefit of any doubt and full opportunity to defend himself.

3. Settlement of the "church controversy": that our denomination is a part of the body of Christ, the church, but not to the exclusion of other consistent Christian denominations.

I shall never forget the General Council and Assembly of 1932 at Chattanooga, Tennessee, in which was settled what was generally spoken of as "the church question."

The decisive agreement was that we not quibble or cavil over the church question. Every minister was to preach his conviction but without arguing, neither was anyone to take issue with him.

The late Rev. T. S. Payne was the proposer of the motion. The outstanding respect with which the motion was accepted placed the church in a more neighborly position, especially with other denominations who are of "like precious faith."

4. *The revision of the original financial system giving recognition to both local and general treasuries.*

Many of the worst frictions to ever arise in denominations have been over money. However, money is indispensable to the maintenance and progress of any denomination in any and all of its departments regardless of its material and spiritual purposes.

The Church of God learned by hard and embarrassing experience that its stability, progress, honor and well-being depended upon the establishing of a safe and sound financial system, local and general.

In other words, by whatever means or from whatever source monies comes into the local, district, state or general treasuries, they must be strictly for the purpose of maintaining and promoting the Church in its mission of keeping the saints and saving the sinners at home and abroad.

Local Finance Committee

For the safety of local churches, finance committees are elected in keeping with this ruling of the General Assembly:

"Inasmuch as there is an ever-increasing responsibility upon those handling money in the churches, we recommend that where practical, local churches have a finance committee composed of the clerk, treasurer, and one other member. The treasurer and third member shall be elected by the church and pastor's council. The duty of said committee shall be to receive and check all funds. All disbursements must be approved by the church and pastor's council, and all major disbursements must be approved by the church in conference. All checks must be signed by the clerk or treasurer and pastor.

"Further, that where possible, the bookkeeping system suggested by the Supreme Council be adopted" (1930 Minutes, p. 21; Amended 1954 Minutes p. 32).

Local Church Rights Protected

The General Assembly decreed: "That no general project which would necessitate a financial drive among the local churches be undertaken without the approval of the General Assembly" (1943 Minutes p. 30).

Tithing System Explained

"All members of the Church of God should pay tithes. Laymen are to pay into the local church treasury where their membership is. Exhorters, licensed and ordained ministers shall pay their tithes on their net income from all sources other than the ministry, into the treasury of the local church where their membership is; however, their tithes of net offerings shall be sent with their monthly report to the General Secretary-Treasurer."

"Local church treasurers shall send ten per cent of all tithes paid into the treasury to the General Secretary-Treasurer, Cleveland, Tennessee, with their monthly report and an equal amount to their state treasurers with monthly report. The remainder shall be for the support of the pastor."

Dispersing Local Church Surpluses

After the pastor has been paid his allotment, varying according to membership from \$75.20 plus \$12.00 for expenses per week to \$107.50 plus \$35.00, "The remaining surplus to be used for the benefit of the ministry as may be decided by the State Overseer, pastor, and local church, and that churches having surplus tithes be encouraged to sponsor a work in a new field within the state or in some mission state or territory. That each new work in mission state or territory sponsored by a local church shall be under the direction of the respective overseer and local church sponsoring such work. A monthly report of the progress of the new work shall be furnished the sponsoring church."

The Dispersing of State Tithes and Other Monies

"That where the tithe of tithes sent to the state treasurer is sufficient, that state overseer shall receive from the state treasury an allotment of \$100

a week and \$250 a month traveling expense . . ." (1956 Minutes, p. 162).

"After state office expenses have been paid, the state board be authorized to use the surplus tithe of tithes from the state treasury to supplement the income of underpaid pastors and evangelists" (1950 Minutes, p. 15, amended 1956 Minutes, p. 162).

"Said board with state overseer shall have supervision of the state mission money, surplus tithes, state parsonage, campground, and all other funds received and disbursed by state treasury."

The Dispersing of General Funds

"The distribution of tithes sent to General Headquarters shall be in the hands of the General Overseer and Supreme Council."

This means that all monies sent to General Headquarters from the states and local churches and individuals go into the general treasury earmarked for the department it is intended for. When the committees and boards for our publishing house and its various business arms, our colleges, Childrens' Home, National Sunday School and Youth Department, National Evangelism Commission, National Radio Commission and General Missions Committee work up their annual financial budgets, they are submitted to the Supreme Council for approval. Further, the dispersing of funds for pensions of aged ministers, ministers' widows and help for disabled ministers is taken care of by the Supreme Council.

The General Secretary-Treasurer is "to be treasurer of all funds and monies that come to Headquarters, and to make all disbursements subject to the orders of the different departments of the Church; to be bonded, amount of said bond to be determined by the Supreme Council" (1926 Minutes, p. 32; Amended 1956 Minutes, p. 168).

"To furnish such reports as the heads of departments and Supreme Council may require. To have an audit of financial records and to furnish the General Assembly a statement of all receipts and disbursements, assets and liabilities, such statements to be prepared by a certified public accountant annually."

The beauty of our financial system is that no one individual has absolute control of the monies in any department of the Church of God, general, state or local, but the heads of departments are protected from mistrust by respective committees interested only in God's money being used for the highest good of the Church and for God's greatest glory.

5. *The declaration of faith.* In my humble opinion the fourteen-point Declaration of Faith that was drafted and adopted in the Assembly at Birmingham, Alabama, 1948, was one of the most decisive and valuable decisions ever made by the Church of God. In fact, I am sure that I express the sentiment of not only our ministers and members, but also that of many denominations who have observed us through the years when I say our finally adopting the Declaration of Faith was one of the most forward steps ever taken by the Church.

One of the outstanding features of our official organ, the *Church of God Evangel*, is the Declaration of Faith.

It has been my privilege to lecture on the Declaration of Faith in many conventions and to teach it in our youth camps. I found the response good among youths and adults of our membership, as well as among non members.

I trust that when you read our Declaration of Faith you feel challenged to heed Jude's exhortation in verse 3: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

South Carolina Camp Meeting

By Walter R. Pettitt

FIRE AND GLORY touched Sinai when God walked with Moses. Angels ascended and descended the heavenly ladder when Jacob met the Jehovah Angel at Bethel.

Isaiah had a kiss of heavenly fire by a seraphim from the throne of God when the door posts moved and the smoke in the temple cleared and he saw the Lord.

Amidst shouting and praising, the newly Holy Ghost-baptized disciples declared on that never-to-be-forgotten Pentecost Day, "this is that."

We here in South Carolina who attended the camp meeting feel that these one hundred and twelve acres of campground became a Sinai, touched by fire, as God walked among us.

These grounds became the "door to heaven," and our Bethel, as the spacious tabernacle, crowded with people, responded to the mighty manifestations of God.

No king died and no door posts moved as in the experience of Isaiah; but within the smoke of the Lord's glory, the kiss of fire from the heavenly seraphim transformed the tabernacle to the temple "and we saw the Lord."

Pentecost was never more prevalent. The pungent presence of the Holy Ghost power made preachers and laymen proclaim with joy, "this is that." We knew the promised Paroclyte was here, and our hearts hungered for the Lord's rapturing return.

The Rev. Ray H. Hughes, President of Lee College and speaker for the National Radio Program, "Forward in Faith," was the camp evangelist. Under Pentecostal anointing and with proficient, persuasive preaching, Brother Hughes seemed to open the doors of heaven and hell, then, like Samson to carry the gates afar off and let us see the glistening golden streets of heaven or the glowing sulphuric flames of hell.

For seven nights we were brought to the edge of the gaping pit of hell's fury and permitted to look in. No wonder the long aisles were crowded and altars extended to capacity and chairs changed to altars for screaming sinners wanting to escape the torments of eternal burning.

Only God could do it through a yielded vessel. Our evangelist, with the Word of God, showed us so much of heaven and fed our locked-up longings until the vast congregation of thousands was nightly lifted to "look for His soon

return." The Evangelism Committee placed the number of experiences received into the hundreds.

Rev. Charles Conn, Editor-in-Chief of Church of God Publications, was the Bible teacher. "The Balanced Church" was the topic of his studies that were so weighty with Biblical wisdom. The large morning crowds were evidence that Brother Conn not only had the message that we needed for these desultory days, but he paved a highway with Bible truths and set signs so that there need be no mistaking the wrong for the right, the false for the true, glamour for glory or claims for credentials. The Balanced Church will not frenzy into fanaticism; neither will she compromise with the world. The presence of the fruits, gifts and ministries of the Spirit will keep the Church balanced, Brother Conn emphasized.

Assistant General Overseer, Rev. H. D. Williams added dignity to our great camp meeting with his physical height and humility along with his wisdom in spiritual truths that he shared with us in two sermons.

Rev. Don Aultman, Assistant National Sunday School and Youth Director, challenged and blessed the congregation on Youth Day with his message, "Twentieth Century Youth." He analyzed this generation politically, socially, morally and religiously. "Is there any hope," he queried? His sermon answered this question in the affirmative. By transcending our time; by excelling the hour in sight, spirit and knowledge and becoming victor and not the victim of this generation.

In speaking about the sunrise prayer services, Rev. Clyde Cox said, "When the sun had risen radiantly upon the tabernacle and the Spirit of the Lord had condescended upon the saints, it was apparent that the windows of heaven had been opened early."

Rev. Houston R. Morehead, Overseer of Florida, brought the Missions message. A very enlightening sermon emphasized, the work our money and missionaries are doing around the world and resulted in a gratifying response for this noble endeavor.

Rev. Paul Henson, Sunday School and Youth Director of Mississippi, preached on "A Righteous Man's Place in This World." The response was adequate evidence that it was enjoyed.

The Superintendent of our Home

for Children, Rev. L. R. Patterson, presented an enjoyable program by the children. Rev. W. E. Johnson, member of the Board of Directors, enriched our hearts with a message that instructed us to have "pure religion" by an upward, inward and outward reach.

A unique service introduced by Brother Ellis involved Rev. W. D. Childers, who is retiring from pastoral work, in a message of challenge to the ministry of today. Youthful evangelist Douglas Leroy spoke in acceptance of this challenge and gave us some ideals for which the youth will strive.

Some of our own state pastors and evangelists rounded out the program with some wonderful messages which substantiated what we in South Carolina have always believed: that we have the best.

The competent committees efficiently carried out their duties in harmony as outlined by the capable leadership of our state overseer.

Rev. Thomas Grassano, State Sunday School and Youth Director for five years, had a well-outlined and full program for Youth Day. The panel discussions and giving of awards were highlights. Two encouraging accomplishments he announced were that during April we set a new record of over one hundred thousand in Sunday School and that into their home was born Thomas David, their first child.

The Willing Workers' Service, under the direction of Sister Ellis, made a great contribution to the success and enjoyment of the camp meeting. A fine group of ladies chosen by Sister Ellis seemed to be at their best in presenting their program.

Those who worked in the concession stands and in the cafeteria under Brother Eddie Munn made it possible for us to enjoy the earthly necessities while we were partakers of heavenly blessings.

Many of us left the camp meeting feeling that God had given us the witness of His presence in such abundance to increase our courage in laboring for Him and to heighten our hope for His soon return.

Rev. John Smith and Rev. Tommy Day were visiting state overseers whom we welcomed home and whose fellowship we enjoyed. A number of visiting preachers from other states and denominations contributed to the fellowship that we all enjoyed.

AS THE MINISTERS, the musicians and the laity assembled in the spacious tabernacle at Tennessee's beautiful State Campground on Lee Highway, near Chattanooga, June 19-25, one sensed that God was present to bless in a bountiful way.

Rev. Earl P. Paulk, our State Overseer, ably presided over the fine program which had been prepared well in advance of the meeting. The songs, the Scriptures and the preaching of the Word seemed to culminate into one forcible conclusion or exclamation that the signs of the time point to the nearness of the coming of the Son of Man and that God is trying to awaken His children to be ready for the great event.

Tennessee was blessed with the ministry of Rev. Danny Drake, pastor of Pomona, California, as the night speaker. God honored his ministry from night to night with many souls finding the Lord Jesus. Eternity alone will reveal the total number saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

The capable morning speaker was a former native of Tennessee, Rev. George Britt, who is now pastoring Honea Path, South Carolina. Bro. Britt portrayed so vividly "current events" in the light of gospel prophecy. The hearers' hearts were stirred to a deeper consecration before God through these timely messages each morning at the Bible Hour.

Our out-of-state speakers included Rev. John L. Byrd, Overseer of North Carolina; Rev. D. A. Biggs, Overseer of Alabama; and Rev. Paul J. Eure, Sunday School and Youth Director of Virginia.

The camp meeting was also graced with sermons by the Rev. Wade H. Horton, First Assistant General Overseer; Rev. L. H. Aultman, Foreign Missions Executive Secretary; Rev. Donald S. Aultman, Assistant National Sunday School and Youth Director; and Rev. Ray H. Hughes, President of Lee College and "Forward in Faith" radio minister. The summation of these ministers' splendid messages and admonishment is found in the words of Emerson: "Men of God have always, from time to time, walked among men, and made their commission felt in the heart and soul of the commonest hearer."

Each minister on the program, whether his portion was Devotions, Sermon, Music or Prayer, left his imprint for the advancement of God's cause. The sermons from the ministers of the State played an important part in the success of the camp meeting.

Thursday afternoon was given to the annual L.W.W.B. service, directed by Mrs. Earl P. Paulk, our fine state president. She had a well-

Resumé of Tennessee's Annual State Camp Meeting

By Brady Dennis

prepared program, which included a play, "The Challenge of the Cross" by a group from the Eighth Avenue Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, under the direction of Mrs. Brady Dennis. Sister Paulk was presented with a beautiful corsage and a check from the Churches of God in Tennessee.

Saturday was dedicated to the young people of the State. The fine program presented by Rev. Leonard S. Townley, State Sunday School and Youth Director, projected the theme of "Dedication" which emphasized: Dedication to Leadership, Dedication to Witnessing, and Dedication to Live.

One of the highlights of the afternoon service was "The Word for Teens," the Bible Quiz Finals, which determined the State winner who is to represent the State of Tennessee at the General Assembly in the National Bible Quiz Contest. The winner was Miss Kathryn Jones from the Knoxville area (8th Avenue Church).

The "Pioneers for Christ" portion of the program, under the direction of Charles R. Beach, was also impressive.

"Youth Camp Hi-lites" were visibly enacted with a group of youngsters riding on a car especially prepared for the program.

The dedication of the new swimming pools was sacred. Rev. Clifford Bridges delivered the message and Rev. E. K. Waldrop prayed the dedicatory prayer.

The evening service was blessed with the singing of the Girls' Chorus from our Home for Children, Sevierville, Tennessee; the Meridian Street Choir, Nashville, with Max Morris, Director; the South Cleveland Chorus, as well as the regular choir for the evening service.

The Sunday morning service was dedicated to the cause of missions. We were honored in having present Rev. and Mrs. Allred, Overseers

of the Bahamas, and also Sister Pearl Stark from Africa. Rev. L. H. Aultman, Foreign Missions Executive Secretary, brought the morning message, "The Making of a Missionary," which was followed with a splendid missions offering. With a large congregation present for the afternoon service, Rev. Wade H. Horton, First Assistant General Overseer, delivered a timely, heart-searching message.

The camp meeting climaxed with a great outpouring of God's Spirit, and hungry hearts sought and found God at the altar.

During the camp meeting, Rev. Wade H. Horton gave a report of the progress and outstanding gains that the Church of God has made throughout the United States since the last General Assembly. Tennessee has played its part in helping to make this good national report possible. There have been gains in all the areas of the report for the State, which includes number of sermons preached, number homes visited, number converted, number sanctified, number baptized with the Holy Ghost, number baptized in water, number added to church, tithes, aged ministers and missions and Home for Children. In the *Evangel* circulation, Tennessee ranks first in the "AA" group of States, which means that they are leading all of the States. The L.W.W.B. has raised \$33,598.26 since the Assembly. There have been 10 new churches organized, and three more are now ready for organization. Much credit is due our State Overseer, Rev. Earl P. Paulk, for his untiring efforts and work, as well as the work of Rev. Leonard S. Townley, Sunday School and Youth Director, the State Council, and the ministers and laity of Tennessee, for these accomplishments. Above all, it is God who hath given the increase and to Him belongs the praise.

IT WAS A STRIKING reminder of the "latter rain" promised to the Church! The 1961 Georgia Camp Meeting started during a heavy downpour of natural rain, and the first night following Brother Dan A. Drake's message on "Power of Pentecost," 12 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost—thus began the power-packed, people-packed, never-to-be-forgotten camp meeting on the State Campground, Doraville, Georgia, July 3-9, 1961.

The Senior and Junior Youth

saved, sanctified and divinely healed.

The spiritual tide and epic success of the camp meeting was accelerated greatly by the following guest speakers and the part they had on the program, so wisely planned by the state overseer:

Dan A. Drake, pastor, Pomona, California—evening speaker.

Billy S. Myers, pastor, York, South Carolina—Bible teacher.

James A. Cross, General Overseer—Tuesday morning speaker.

Cecil B. Knight, National Sun-

ernoon. Mrs. H. B. Ramsey, State President of L.W.W.B., was in charge and the program, "The Challenge of the Cross," left few, if any, eyes dry. The financial help the Bands throughout the State had given to the churches was read.

The Girls' Chorus from our Home for Children, Sevierville, Tennessee, under the leadership of the Superintendent and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Bridges, graced the services from Wednesday night to Friday.

One of the main services of every camp meeting is the Missions Service. That service was conducted Sunday at 11:00 a.m., and the message was delivered by Rev. W. E. Johnson, Chairman of the General Missions Board, and pastor of the Tremont Avenue Church, Greenville, South Carolina.

Brother Johnson poured his heart into the service as only a man whose life and experience have been wrapped up with missions work, home and abroad, for years could. The cash floor offering was \$3,271.43; Total missions offering was \$83,202.04, a gain over last year of \$1,500, for which the State is grateful. Money is not the only means of reaching the lost; consecrated ministers must go, but they cannot go without money.

Our hearts were touched by the dedication of the W. H. Turner family to return to India. This was their last service before leaving on Tuesday, July 11. Brother and Sister Adams, who are also leaving soon for India, were with us. I know our prayers are with this group for a safe voyage and great success in their work.

I have never witnessed better cooperation than that displayed by the 16 committees and the 130 members that constituted the staff of workers that the state overseer had selected. The results of the meeting proved that God was not only in the program planning but especially in the working of the plans.

The 1961 Camp Meeting with all its joyous gladness, fellowship and other manifold spiritual blessings is history and now belongs to the ages, but we trust and pray for a repetition of the camp meeting in 1962 if Jesus tarries.

Georgia Had Pentecostal Camp Meeting

By J. D. Bright

Camps, under the leadership of the very able State Youth Director, Wallace Swilley, board and counsellors, had just closed. This left a lively, lovely, spiritual atmosphere for the annual feast of spiritual blessings.

May I report here that Saturday, July 8, was Youth Day; and it was packed, from 7:00 a.m. through the evening message on "Earthen Vessels," with activity by the youth and for the youth.

We were very fortunate to have the consecrated teamwork of Rev. Dan A. Drake, evening speaker, and Rev. Billy Sunday Myers, Bible teacher. Their work went hand in hand and heart to heart. God blessed the efforts of these two men, along with our good State Overseer, H. B. Ramsey, and all others who prayed, sang, made music, preached, testified, sought for deeper experiences or did committee work. The result was that 130 were filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4—over 40 of these experiences occurred on Wednesday night. Many were

day School and Youth Director—Youth Day speaker.

Philemon Roberts, Youth Director of Florida—afternoon speaker on Youth Day.

Ray H. Hughes, President of Lee College and National Radio Speaker—Wednesday morning speaker.

Cecil Bridges, Superintendent of Home for Children, Sevierville, Tennessee—in charge of Thursday morning Home for Children's Program.

T. A. Perkins, pastor, North Cleveland, Tennessee—Sunday afternoon speaker.

D. C. Boatwright, pastor, East Chattanooga, Tennessee—Wednesday afternoon speaker.

John D. Smith, State Overseer of Mississippi—Friday afternoon speaker.

Houston R. Morehead, State Overseer of Florida—Friday morning speaker.

T. W. Day, Overseer of Minnesota and Wisconsin—Thursday morning speaker.

One of the most interesting services was conducted Thursday aft-

It is astonishing how soon the whole conscience begins to unravel if a single stitch drops.—One single sin indulged in makes a hole you could put your head through.

—Charles Buxton



Man and missions

Church of God Missions Department L. H. Aultman, Executive Missions Secretary

IT'S WORTH IT ALL

By Karen Lilly

LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

ANYONE CAN WORK for God anywhere if he has a real determination to do so. When God moves upon a person to go somewhere or to do something, the person never really knows just where he will end up or even how he will get there. At least, that is how it was with Aline Adcock and me just a few months ago. We knew that with earth's harvest field as white as it is in this day and time we would never be satisfied to just settle down at home with an office job, even though the money angle was tempting. Summer would soon be upon us, and we wanted to spend those three months working for God.

Shortly after God saved me five years ago, He placed on my heart a definite calling to go to India as a missionary. I realized that it would take more than four years of Bible school to train me for that great task—it would take active service.

Many doors were open, but I guess our biggest barrier was money. A college girl just isn't able to save ten or fifteen dollars a week; and, even at that rate, it would have taken many, many weeks to save enough for the expenses. But we knew we were heirs to wealth in glory and that our Father owned it all. Looking back now, we see how foolish it was to worry, for in His own miraculous way, God supplied our every need, and the first thing we knew, come May 27, we were in Jamaica!

With over 200 churches of God on the island and less than three months to stay, we found that there was plenty of work to do; and my it is so rewarding! We spend about one week in each

church, holding a vacation Bible school in the afternoon, teaching Workers' Training Course or Personal Evangelism in the evening, and having regular evangelistic services at night.

One morning, when we were out on the streets of Brownstown inviting people to our services, a man stopped his car and listened to us as we gave the invitation to some children. After making further inquiry, he informed us that he was the school principal and that he'd like for us to come up to the school that day and give the invitation to all the children. My, how our hearts rejoiced at this marvelous opportunity! As a result of the visit, we had a record attendance of 196 children.

In Cascade, God worked through the school system again, but in a different way. One of the sisters of the church was a school teacher, and after school each day, she brought her whole class to our VBS. The attendance soared over 200! Anyone who could have heard those 200 voices singing, "If You're Saved and You Know It, Say Amen" at the top of their lungs, would have been able to conceive how the song of the redeemed will sound in heaven!

It is such a thrill to teach people who are hungry for God's Word. Some walk long distances to hear Sister Adcock teach, and they all study so hard. In Lucea, a nurse took a day off from her work just to study for the WTC exam. The first night of the Personal Evangelism course, the whole class learned nine scriptures.

As for the night evangelistic services, they have been thrilling also. On one occasion we counted

twenty-three in the altar for salvation. Afterwards, they all raised their hands toward heaven as the congregation sang, "For You I Am Praying." In nearly every revival some have been filled with the Holy Ghost and many have been saved. Outward as well as inward demonstrations of the Spirit have been prevalent. Oh, how we praise God for meeting with us so faithfully!

One of our most outstanding experiences occurred the last night we were in Brownstown, when Elder Douglass arranged for us to have an open-air service at the market place. We expected a good number of people to come, perhaps thirty or forty, but we realized that since most of them lived in the country, they would have a long way to walk. To say we were "overwhelmed" when we found ourselves meekly standing before a sea of over 500 faces is an understatement. Both of us preached, and it seemed as if God sent a special anointing, as for two hours the crowd stood, seemingly drinking in every word!

I could go on and on telling of our many thrilling experiences here in Jamaica. I don't think there could be two happier girls in the world than we are right now. Sure, we sometimes get a little homesick for the good ole USA—any teenager would. But when the longings to see people of our own nationality and color come, they are almost immediately vanquished as we realize that this is exactly where God wants us; and then that sweet peace that "passeth all understanding" floods our soul, and we are filled with contentment, because we would rather be here right now than any place else on earth!

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revivals

God Saves 67 in Texas

HOUSTON, Tex.—The Church of God No. 2 in Houston, Texas, just closed a glorious four-week revival. Our evangelists were Sister Zoe Brown and Sister Dianne Hancock. There were 67 saved, 37 filled with the Holy Ghost, 39 joined the Church and 20 baptized in water.

—L. K. Lawley, reporter

25 Saved in Wonderful Revival

AIKEN, S.C.—The Aiken Airport Church of God recently closed a wonderful revival with Sister Mary Elizabeth Howell as the evangelist. The great Holy Ghost was manifested in many ways. Twenty-five were saved, 20 sanctified, 14 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 9 baptized in water and 3 added to the church.

One brother was greatly blessed with the healing of ulcers. We give

God the praise. Sister Mary Howell would be a blessing to any church.

We thank God for our wonderful pastor, Brother N. M. Murphy and his family, and for the great work they are doing.

—Myrtice Day, clerk

Membership Increases Greatly

WAUCHULA, Fla.—The Church of God at Wauchula, Florida, has just closed a very successful revival with Brother Carl White and his wife as evangelists. Twenty-one were saved, 11 sanctified, 12 filled with the Holy Ghost, 15 baptized in water, and 21 united with the church. The membership of our church has grown from 32 to 75. We are enjoying an old-fashioned moving of the Spirit of God.

—Joseph N. Daniel, pastor



Eleven Saved in Blakely Revival

BLAKLEY, Ga.—We just closed a revival with Sister Sadie Mae Thigpen from McDowell as evangelist. God met with us each night. Eleven were saved, 2 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and many received other outstanding experiences. Several were healed, some

getting up off their beds and walking.

We give God all the glory! If anyone would like to use her in a revival, call 3-4662, Lake Wales, or write: Sadie Mae Thigpen, 249 West Polk Street, Lake Wales, Florida.

Nine Added to Chattanooga Church

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — The North Tunnell Blvd. Church of God has experienced a wonderful revival with a very capable evangelist, the Rev. Elmer Barbary.

There were 6 saved, 5 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, 3 baptized in water and 9 added to the church. We are certainly praising God for His blessings to our church.

—Mrs. Edna McGee, reporter

Deep Messages From God's Word Are Preached

FLINT, Mich.—The West Flint Church of God recently closed a one-week revival campaign with Rev. J. Frank Spivey, pastor of the Church of God in Augusta, Georgia, as the evangelist.

We wish to thank Brother Spivey for his deep, soul-searching messages from God's Word. They touched each heart, and we were made to consider just where we stood with God.

Each night was marked by an outstanding attendance, and by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst. We want to give all praise and glory to God for the 2 who were saved, the 1 who was sanctified and the 1 who was filled with the Holy Ghost. It was wonderful to behold children, teens and adults receiving the blessings of God. This was a revival in the true sense of the word.

The revival spirit has been burning at West Flint, and we are sure it will continue to burn in each and every heart. We feel that our church is going to go and grow even more in the future than it has in the past.

We give praise, honor and glory to God for the many wonderful blessings that have been bestowed upon our church.

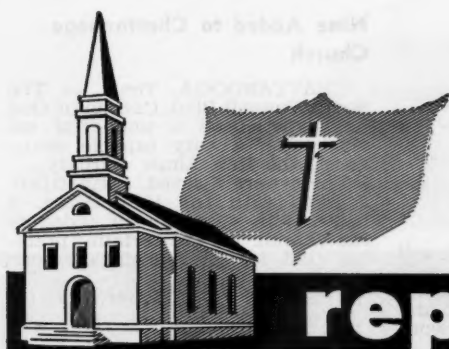
—Norma Walker, reporter

Good Revival in Ocala

OCALA, Fla.—The Church of God at Ocala, Florida, enjoyed a good two-week revival with Evangelist Jimmy Talley and his wife. His inspiring messages and their good singing were a blessing to all. There were 9 saved, 5 sanctified and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. We have recently baptized 8 and united 5 with the church. For all this, we praise the Lord.

We feel any church would be blessed with the ministry of Brother and Sister Talley.

—L. Z. Bennett, pastor



reports

Evangelist Is Blessing in Several Revivals

LARGO, Fla.—Bro. H. R. Branham and family came to the Gulf Coast district in Florida last September from Ohio, where he served as state evangelist.

Their first stop was at the Clearwater Church, where Bro. Vep Ellis is pastor, and the Lord gave a good revival there.

Many times people think if they do not see great numbers pray through in the altar, they have not had a revival. However, they cannot see down in the hearts of men what kind of seed has been planted.

Bro. and Sis. Branham are very talented singers and musicians. He plays the bass fiddle and steel guitar. Sis. Branham plays the piano, organ, and accordion. More than that, his good preaching will stir your heart if you have a desire to live for God.

Since they left Clearwater last September they have been traveling up and down the coast from Hudson, where they labored with the good people there. Bro. Dupree is the pastor there, and his whole church was blessed by the revival.

Bro. Hodges at Tarpon Springs was glad when the Branham's came his way. Bro. Branham never gets in a hurry; he gives the Holy Ghost a chance to work. He has a sermon but he does not have to preach if the Holy Ghost wants to work.

He spent three weeks in Largo, and it was a revival from the first night. God blessed in a wonderful way. People renewed their vows to the Lord and turned their faces toward heaven with a mind to serve the Lord.

Some of the best altar services were on Sunday morning; we were never too hungry to stay and pray.

Their visit in New Port Richey with Bro. Jerry Howell was encouraging to the people there. Since their church is young and small it does them so much good for someone to come and help.

Down at South St. Petersburg

they really made the heavens ring. Bro. Taylor helped out with the singing and music, along with other visitors that came. Quite a number were saved, mostly new people.

When Bro. Branham stopped at 66th Street church, he had his crowd with him; by that time he had made many friends up and down the coast, and they came and helped out. Bro. Don Anderson is the pastor at 66th Street. He has a wonderful group of people there, and good altar workers that helped to make the revival a success.

Never will I forget the night there that Bro. Branham preached on "Serving God at our Own Convenience."

Outstanding Accomplishments at Thaddeus Street Church of God (Cover)



DETROIT, Mich.—The Thaddeus Street Church of God, Detroit, Michigan, was started January, 1959, in a storefront on Fort Street. The first Sunday Pastor R. D. McKinney was there, they had 17 in Sunday School. They had

He didn't leave much for anyone to shout on, but we all found a place at the altar that night, where we searched our hearts.

Dunedin Church was getting impatient by the time the Branham's reached there on May 16. Bro. Kayle Bryan is pastor there. The church had been praying for this revival, and the Lord blessed in a mighty way.

Some of the people from South St. Petersburg attended the Dunedin revival. One of the main advantages of having a district evangelist is that the churches band together and work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Jesus is coming soon; what we do must be done quickly.

Bro. and Sis. Branham put their hearts in their services. Besides their singing and his preaching, they are good altar workers. They never rush out and go home, but they stay as long as the altar service lasts.

Their hard work and faithfulness have given them nearly 100 souls saved on the district.

They are people you can love and appreciate in the Lord.

Any district would really be blessed to have them come their way.

—Lila Blanton
266 4th Street, N.W.
Largo, Florida

\$4.00 tithes and \$12.00 in offerings for the month of January. The church didn't own anything at the time. One year later the attendance in Sunday School for the month was 560 and the tithes were \$411.78 for the month. Two years from the time the church was organized, this beautiful church was purchased, fully equipped with pews, piano, a \$5,000 electric organ, an \$800.00 chime system, carpeted aisles, pastor's study and L.W.W.B. kitchen with a ten-burner gas range. The church seats 250 with seven nice Sunday School rooms and a nice, small auditorium for prayer meeting and children's church. Also a parsonage, with eleven rooms, next door to the church was purchased—five rooms upstairs and six rooms downstairs, with a full-size basement on a nice corner lot. All of this property was purchased for \$20,000.

Brother McKinney has done an outstanding work since being at Thaddeus Street, and we appreciate him and his fine people very much. I know there is a great future in store for them.

—Floyd Timmerman
Overseer



testimonies

Gives God All the Praise

WILDWOOD, Fla.—Some weeks ago I was suffering with my stomach. The doctors could find nothing wrong with me, therefore, they could do nothing to help me. One Sunday night I promised God that if He would heal my body I would testify through the *Evangel*. Praise God, from that moment on I began to get better until I was completely healed. I give God all the praise for healing my body.

—C. D. Isaac

Bad Ear Infection Healed by Power of God

PARIS, Tex.—I am so grateful to the Lord for healing me of a very bad ear infection a few months ago. He is the greatest of all physicians and a wonderful Saviour.

—Novella Moore

Healed Many Times

COLUMBIA, Ky.—The Lord has been so good to me that I want to write a testimony for Him. After I had been saved for several years, the Lord led me to the Church of God where He sanctified me and gave me the Holy Ghost.

He has healed so many times in our home. One time I had been in bed for three weeks. Our pastor and wife and several of the other saints of God came and held on to God for me until He came on the scene and wonderfully healed me.

Years later I was really sick. For about three months I was not able to go to church. Part of that time I was so sick my husband turned me in bed and fed me what little I ate. Different ministers came and prayed for me. Some of the good saints of God were so faithful to come and pray for me, and God would come on the scene and help me. I finally got able to be taken to church and to stand in

the prayer line. Brother Pitts prayed for me, and God again wonderfully healed my body.

The Lord means so much to me, and I praise Him from the depths of my heart for all He has done for us.

—Mae Tucker

Infection in Body Healed

SPRING CITY, Tenn.—I want to testify for my Lord, for He has done so much for me. He has delivered me out of a lot of hard places, delivered me from fears, and healed me and my children many times.

The Lord healed me of an infection in my body, and I promised to write my testimony to the *Evangel*. I want everyone who reads this testimony to pray for me that God will completely heal my body and that He will bless our home. It is so wonderful to serve the Lord. Our world is in a sinful condition, and we need to pray for one another. Do pray for our son and granddaughter that God will heal them of polio.

—A sister in Christ

Appreciates Holiness and Healing Power

JACKSON, MISS.—I am keeping my promise to God by writing this testimony. For a long time God has walked with me. I was never happy after I learned there was a way of holiness until I gave my life to Christ. There is nothing that begins to give one complete and satisfying living until he yields to God.

I want to praise God for healing my eight-year-old son of a virus. He had run a temperature since May 5. I had two wonderful doctors to see him three times, but nothing they did brought his temperature to normal. I requested prayer for him over the phone, and by morning his fever was within a degree of being normal. Praise God forever.

—Callie Hatcher

Healed of Lung Ailment

JEFFERSTOWN, Ky.—I praise God for healing my left lung. When I developed a cough and pains in my left lung, I went to see a doctor—this was on Thursday. He took X rays and found two spots on my lung. One spot was larger than a silver dollar; the other one was dimmer, and the doctor said it looked like liquid in my lung.

My daughter and I both saw the X ray and could see the condition my lung was in. The doctor believed it was lung cancer and said I would have to have surgery. He made an appointment for me to go to a chest specialist on Friday, and the specialist made arrangements for me to go to the hospital on Monday.

When I went to church Saturday night at the Faith Temple in Louisville, I told our good pastor, Brother Youngblood, about my condition and asked him to pray for me. Then, Sunday morning, when I went to church, I had him pray for the healing of my body. Praise the Lord, He healed my lung. When I went to the hospital on Monday, they took another X ray and nothing showed up on it. Praise God for His healing power!

—Ida Allen

Saved From a Life of Drunkenness

PULASKI, Tenn.—I used to be a drunkard, and I didn't care for anything or anybody until I met a girl, who is now my wife.

I was drinking the night I met her. It was on a Friday night in June, 1960. We dated that night and also the next night. She asked me to go to church with her the next morning. I started giving her excuses about not having anything to wear. She said, "No excuses, for the Church of God people don't go to church to see what the others wear; they go to get their souls fed." So, I got ready for church that morning and went to church for the first time in quite awhile. I guess I did more wiggling than I had ever done in all my life. But that day I felt so different. I quit drinking July 18, 1960, and started going to church every time the church doors opened. After I heard the first sermon, I just couldn't refuse to go back. We had a revival in April of this year, with our pastor, Rev. Jewell Travis, doing the preaching. I went to the altar during that revival and, thank God, I was one of the 8 persons who was saved and sanctified.

Pray for me that I will receive the precious Holy Ghost and pray that my wife will also receive the Holy Ghost.

—C. M. Shrader

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